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have seen an individual of this bird in Pawtucket, R. I., several times during the past winter. The first date was Dec. 28, 1901; the second, Jan. 16, 1902; and the subsequent dates were Feb. 3 and 12, and March 4, 1902. There is no doubt it was the same bird each time, as each observation was made in the same locality, — a swampy sheltered stretch along an old canal. The last time I recorded this bird he appeared to be having trouble with a flock of Jays. — C. C. PURDUM, M. D., *Pawtucket, R. I.*

**Note on Birds from the South Pacific.** — Mr. Joseph R. Slevin, cadet on the S. S. Ventura, has kindly presented to the California Academy of Sciences the birds that came aboard during the last voyage, namely: one male *Oceanodroma leucorhoa*, January 27, 1902, Lat.  $3^{\circ} 30'$  S., Long.  $167^{\circ} 10'$  W.; three female *Sterna fuliginosa*, one male *Puffinus chlororhynchus*, one male *Puffinus nativitatis*, January 28, 1902, Lat.  $9^{\circ} 21'$  S., Long.  $169^{\circ}$  W. All these birds struck the ship in the night when it was raining, probably lured to it by the lights. The *Oceanodroma leucorhoa* does not differ from specimens from California, Oregon, and the Grand Banks. This species perhaps affords another instance of interhemisphere migration. — LEVERETT M. LOOMIS, *California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, Calif.*

**Unusual Winter Records.** — Owing to the unusually mild weather and frequent thaws of the past winter, a great many birds have wintered here (Cambridge, Mass.) which usually pass farther south. I have observed the following:—

**American Robin.** Large flocks, seen about Arlington Heights until February 1, after which date only a few were seen until the spring migration. Their chief food was the berries of the buckthorn.

**Hermit Thrush.** One seen on the 14 and 16 of December in the Harvard Botanical Gardens in this city.

**Long-billed Marsh Wren.** One seen in the Fresh Pond marshes until February 12.

**Swamp Sparrow.** Several seen in the Fresh Pond marshes throughout the winter.

**White-throated Sparrow.** One seen December 7 and 8; and one singing on March 28, near Belmont. They probably wintered.

**Savanna Sparrow.** One seen at Ipswich on March 31. As Mr. R. H. Howe, Jr., shot one at the same place on January 18, this probably had wintered there.

**Meadowlark.** Several seen in Fresh Pond marshes until December 17.

**Red-winged Blackbird.** Several seen throughout the winter in the Fresh Pond marshes.

**Cowbird.** Two seen in the Fresh Pond marshes on December 26.

**American Woodcock.** One seen on December 1 and 8 on the edge of a pool near Arlington Heights.